

Application No.: 10/694,043

Reply to the Office Action dated: August 10, 2005

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended as supported at pages 30 and 31 of the specification. Figure 2 has been amended as supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claim 5 has been canceled. The limitations of Claim 5 have been included in Claim 1.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-4 and 6-15 will now be active in this application.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The limitations of Claim 5 have been included in Claim 1. Since Claim 5 was not rejected over JP 2001-348523, Sasaki, Hirasa et al (US 2003/0166742), EP 1116757, Uemura et al (US 5,928,419), Hakiri et al (US 6,786,959), EP 1041126 the claims should be allowable over the prior art of record.

The rejection of Claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, is obviated by the amendment of Claim 3 and the cancellation of Claim 5.

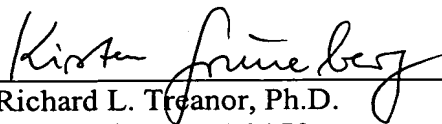
The objections to the drawings are obviated by the amendment of the specification and Replacement Figure 2.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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